

**2008 Annual Town Meeting**  
**Voting Results for CPA Funded Projects**

Concord's 2008 Annual Town Meeting voted to expend \$2,242,500.00 in Community Preservation Act Funding as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee for projects listed in Warrant Articles 31, 32, and 33. The approved projects include the following:

**Warrant Article 31**

**A. Thoreau Books Project – Concord Free Public Library Corporation**

The Concord Free Public Library Corporation will contract with the Northeast Document Conservation Center in Andover for the conservation and preservation of eleven of the most damaged titles in the Thoreau Books Collection, a 64 volume collection of books owned and used by Henry D. Thoreau. This funding is for the first year of a two year project and will also increase Web accessibility to the unique features of the collection. The Library Corporation will provide \$6,018 in additional funding and library personnel will be placing significant features of the books on the website.

Funding Appropriation:       \$22,500.00  
Funding Category:            Historic Preservation

**B. Town-held Conservation Restriction Baseline Documentation – NRC**

The Natural Resources Commission will hire a consultant to establish a pilot program and collect baseline documentation on ten Town-held conservation restrictions. Baseline documentation provides the information necessary to allow the Town to monitor effectively and uphold the conservation value of the restriction. The NRC will provide \$3,000 in funding for this project.

Funding Appropriation:       \$30,000.00  
Funding Category:            Open Space

**C. Land, Site and Housing Unit Acquisition Program – CHDC**

The Concord Housing Development Corporation (CHDC) will use this funding for its initiatives to create, foster, support, and preserve community housing in Concord. The funds will preserve the affordability of existing affordable units and support the staffing and administrative needs of the CHDC. Additional funding will also come from State reimbursements.

Funding Appropriation:       \$175,000.00  
Funding Category:            Community Housing

**D. Hubbard Brook Farmfield – NRC and Concord Land Conservation Trust**

The Natural Resources Commission has partnered with the Concord Land Conservation Trust (CLCT) on this project. The CLCT has raised \$2.5 million towards the land acquisition which will be combined with the CPA monies to purchase the Hubbard Brook Farmfield, a 17.73 acre parcel of Prime Agricultural Soils which is directly contiguous to already protected lands. The parcel will remain in agricultural use and be placed under a permanent conservation restriction which will be held by the Town. A trail will be established for passive recreational use.

Funding Appropriation: \$750,000.00  
Funding Category: Open Space

**E. Climate Control Project - Concord Museum**

The Concord Museum will use this funding to cover 46% of the costs associated with upgrading the Museum's climate control system. This project includes installing new humidification and dehumidification systems with digital controls for the long term preservation of the artifacts and collections.

Funding Appropriation: \$200,000.00  
Funding Category: Historic Preservation

**F. Nashawtuc Bridge Historic Preservation Project - Concord Public Works**

Concord Public Works will restore the granite parapets on either side of the ca. 1883 Nashawtuc Bridge. The granite parapets will be reset and reinforced to meet current MassHighway "crash" standards using a moment rail system. CPW will contribute \$100,000 toward the restoration.

Funding Appropriation: \$250,000.00  
Funding Category: Historic Preservation

**G. Orchard House Restoration Phase II – Louise May Alcott Memorial Assoc.**

The Louisa May Alcott Memorial Association will complete Phase II of its building restoration project which involves structural repairs necessary for the future use and preservation of Orchard House. This is the second of a three phase project intended to correct structural problems and stabilize the over all building. Funding for the first phase of the restoration was \$1.5 million dollars.

Funding Appropriation: \$175,000.00  
Funding Category: Historic Preservation

## **H. Administrative Expenses – Town of Concord**

The Town of Concord will use these funds for expenses associated with the administration of the Community Preservation Act including staff support; legal and consulting fees; and public notices and photocopies.

Funding Appropriation: \$30,000.00

### **Warrant Articles 32**

#### **335 Walden Street Acquisition of Open Space – Town of Concord and CHT**

The Town of Concord, in conjunction with the Concord Housing Trust (CHT) who will contribute \$225,000, will purchase 70% of the parcel for use as public open space. The project will place a permanent conservation restriction on the land which directly abuts other Town-owned conservation lands.

Funding Appropriation: \$225,000.00  
Funding Category: Open Space

### **Warrant Article 33**

#### **335 Walden Street Construction of Community Housing – Concord Housing Trust**

The Concord Housing Trust (CHT) will develop five units of community housing for households at or below 100% of the Area Median Income. Permanent deed restrictions held by the Town of Concord will be placed on these units to ensure their continued affordability.

Funding Appropriation: \$385,000.00  
Funding Category: Community Housing